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Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm, the method~~ comprising:
 - identifying content to be downloaded;
 - partitioning the content into at least two sections wherein each of the at least two sections has a duration ~~which~~ that is less than a threshold duration value assigned by ~~the a~~ screening algorithm; and
 - subjecting the partitioned content to the screening algorithm.
2. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in~~ claim 1, wherein
 - the screening algorithm is a Secure Digital Music Initiative screening algorithm.
3. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in~~ claim 1, wherein
 - the screening algorithm relies on a sampling of data contained within the content.
4. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in~~ claim 1, wherein
 - the content is downloaded from the Internet.

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5. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1, including further comprising~~

writing the content to a memory device subsequent to the content being subjected to and passing the screening algorithm.

6. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1, including further comprising~~

restoring the integrity of the content by reassembling the sections subsequent to the sections passing through the screening algorithm.

7. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1, wherein~~

a duration of each of the at least two sections is in the range of about 0.1 seconds to about 1.5 seconds.

8. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1, wherein~~

the content is subjected to the screening algorithm one section at a time.

9. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1, including further comprising~~

determining whether all of the sections of content have passed through the screening algorithm.

10. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in claim 1, wherein~~

the sections of content are combined in groups prior to being subjected to the screening algorithm.

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11. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in~~
claim 10, wherein

the sections of content are randomly combined in groups.

12. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in~~
claim 1, ~~including further comprising~~

shuffling the sections of content prior to the sections being subjected to the
screening algorithm.

13. (Currently amended) The method of ~~attacking a screening algorithm as recited in~~
claim 1, ~~including further comprising~~

creating a table of contents relating to the order of the sections of content.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~for attacking a screening algorithm~~
comprising:

a processing device ~~having that includes~~ a processor and a memory,

the processor being configured to:

identify content to be downloaded,

partition the identified content into at least two sections, wherein each
of the at least two sections has a duration which ~~that~~ is less than a duration of a
threshold duration value assigned by ~~the a~~ screening algorithm, and

subject the partitioned content to the screening algorithm.

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15. (Currently amended) An article of manufacture ~~for attacking a screening algorithm, the article~~ comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

identifying content to be downloaded;

partitioning the content into at least two sections, wherein each of the at least two sections has a duration ~~which~~ that is less than a duration of a threshold duration value assigned by ~~the a~~ screening algorithm; and

subjecting the partitioned content to ~~a~~ the screening algorithm.